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REPLY TO "SAN FRANCISCO ARGONAUT."

YUMA, A. T., Nov. 29, 1886.

EDITOR ARIZONA SENTINEL.—Some one from this place has given vent to his gall, at the expense of the inoffensive ladies over at the Fort, in an obscure sheet of San Francisco. It strikes me that the old woman, in petticoats or pantaloon matters little, did not stay nearer home, but sneaked off and like a guerilla or treacherous Apache attacked from behind. If he or she be convinced of the truth of the statements, why not speak up manfully where the facts are known? Why like a bushwacker shoot from under cover at inoffensive ladies? Sirrah, what do you mean? If you are not a coward why write anonymously to an outside paper such trash that an average gentlemanly editor would not as much as spit at? As you shoot from under cover I shall stay under cover likewise. But challenge you to come out above your name in a decent manner, and the writer of this will do the same. It will then become plain to all that you have an ax to grind, and that you care very little for the "government money-box," into which you have not put a cent any way. Leaving the bad grammar and long labored sentences aside, which show either a foreigner, or some old woman's bile, as both, I ask the anonymous scribbler why he did not first convince himself of the truth of his statements? Every lady or gentiam does this before making an attack on any one's good name. There is not the spark of a gentleman's character in the anonymous scribbler from Yuma, else he would not have attacked estimable ladies. It makes not a particle of difference whether these ladies call themselves Sisters and Catholics, or not. That, Sirrah, is not of your business. You should have gone to the Fort Yuma school, as the editor of this paper did last week, and made inquiry before giving vent to your jealous "gall" in the Pacific coast sink, called Argonaut. Your "gally" "mutterings" have called forth "public indignation," not against the Sisters, however, but that there should be in the city limits an insolent scallawag who could commit such a d—d outrage, as a gentleman termed it.

First of all Mrs. Sherman had and has as little to do with the transfer of the Yuma school as the man in the moon. That plan originated with a prominent gentleman of the Indian Department who is not a Catholic, but then not a bigot either. He thought that if no one else could do anything with the Indians, the Sisters at least had proved successful. That they made their confessions every week as every good priest does, Father Chauco not included, and every Bishop and the Pope himself, this gentleman at Washington did not find an obstacle and yet he was once, if I mistake not, an Episcopalian minister. The people of Yuma agree with him. Go see the result and have the manliness to give testimony to that effect, as the SENTINEL editor did.

If Mrs. Sherman had had anything to do in the matter she would have only added one more to the large number of her good works. That's all. There she is perfectly right and need not ask the bushwacker's permission. If the scribbler does not like Catholics, he agrees with rabid Pixley sure enough, but not with sane Americans. The government is neither Protestant nor Catholic, but treats all according to their merits. They inquire first of trustworthy persons before they condemn, something the botch scribbler should have done; next, the Sisters receive \$2700 salary per annum, out of this they must board themselves and pay all their personal expenses. They must furnish a sufficient number of efficient teachers for that amount of money. There are just seven Sisters here, and not eleven, as the jealous reports to the San Francisco sheet. Man, why did you not go and ask! However, if there were eleven, or eleven hundred, that would not take from the "Government money box" a single cent above the \$2700. Now to show you your jealous "gall" that there is no money in it, and that really none others but such as have made the vow of poverty could exist there and yet live satisfaction, listen: They must furnish their own board etc., etc.; they pay a reliable Indian \$15 per month,

not for their convenience but for the better success of the school, the force of help which the Government allowed being too small. That does not leave to each Sister even \$350 per annum. Will you teach for that and work from 6 a. m. to 8 p. m. as they must! The lowest salary of a school-teacher is \$400 a year for teaching but 6 hours a day, for only 5 days in the week and ten months in a year. And at the rate paid to the public school teachers at Yuma here, you could not even employ three teachers, much less seven, and she teaches only six hours a day. You have evidently a hard skull, and don't know the force of English words very well, for which reason you looked through a dictionary and for which reason I must use very plain terms, but I guess this figuring will be lucid enough even for your cranium. This is not all. The Government allows no rations to go to other than children actually at school. Hence old chief Pasqual eats, at the Sisters table at their expense, as does every beggar coming along. Moreover the Indians cannot be forced into school, they must be attracted. For this the Government has not added anything. The Sisters now have in the last 2 months expended between 50 and 60 dollars for amusements. The last thing coming all the way from Philadelphia and paid for in advance is a magic lantern, and also an electric battery. Will you do as much can you let us see your face first. But the Sisters do this because they have at heart the welfare temporal and spiritual of the Indians. They do not work for salary only. That is how it comes, that there are at the school not 50 or 60, as you lyingly report, but in average there are 80, go and see. There are three Sisters at Father Chauco's school right here. They live at his schoolhouse. Only Saturday and Sunday finds them with their Sisters at the Fort; but neither they nor the two priests whom you locate at the Fort, have anything more to do with the school than yourself you might have just as reasonably written as follows: "Every Sunday two Priests and a Protestant minister go to the Arizona Prison, and it is natu-

suppose that their living is in slight expense to, or drain upon our Territorial money box," you have a perfect right to make a goose of yourself but let it not beat quiet ladies expense; you had good reason then to stay out of reach of the SENTINEL editor's boot. He would not have accepted much trash as you sent to the San Francisco scabber. The latter will take anything, provided it is anti-Catholic the more lying and scurrilous the better. Then you go on to make the affair more juicy to the Pixley palate, by throwing mud at a worthy Priest, whose shoestrings you are not fit to loosen. The good Father must walk light of the vile epithets you hurl at him from the dark. He will bear in mind that you are a crank after all and don't know the force of English terms. You recite a filthy story of human depravity "from memory, and not quite sure are you," though in such a grave matter, when it comes to touching a man's reputation you should be able to take God Almighty to witness. Your spitefulness tries to drag down Father Chauco to your own dirty level, but it shows only your own moral or intellectual depravity. After reading that I came to the conclusion that I should not entrust an innocent girl to your keeping, nor a boy either. Do you understand. A good cowhiding will restore your senses, if ever you had any. As to Yuma, it cannot pride herself in having such an American citizen. My notion is that you are not a citizen at all, or a very new one. Now go and tell grandma Pixley there is a bugaboo out here that has given you a spanking, and even threatens to administer a cowhiding for further naughtiness.

"YUMA." The report of the Grand Jury is worthy of the thought and earnest consideration of every citizen of this community. That the water supply of a portion of this village is rendered unfit for use by the faulty method of sewerage at the Penitentiary has never been contradicted. It would be only a question of time and the Prison authorities would be compelled to change the sewerage, or have the Prison a "black hole" of deadly disease. Another portion of the report, attracts attention in regard to the pools of stagnant water, which stand for months at a time in the back streets of this village. The report directs the Supervisors to take some method of abating the nuisance, which gives promise, some day of fatal results to the people of Yuma. Favored with a perfect climate; with plenty of fresh sweet water at our very doors, and a dry ozone atmosphere, it only remains for us to see that some attention be paid to sanitary regulations and thereby perpetuate in the future, as we have always had in the past, a community of healthy and contented people.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

To the Hon. Wm. H. Barnes, Judge presiding at the Second Judicial District Court, in and for the county of Yuma, Territory of Arizona: The Grand Jury called, sworn and impaneled for the county of Yuma, at the October term, of the District Court of the Second Judicial District, in and for the county of Yuma, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have found one true bill for murder.

We have found one true bill for assault with attempt to commit murder.

We have found one true bill for burglary.

We have found one true bill for petit larceny.

We have found one true bill for assault with a deadly weapon.

We would most respectfully recommend that the attention of the county Board of Supervisors, be directed to the necessity of supplying and furnishing the office of Public Administrator with suitable blanks and books, so that the records of said office may be properly kept.

Our attention was directed to the matter of the dumping of the sewerage of the Territorial Penitentiary, into the river directly above the point, from whence is drawn the supply of water for the uses of the village of Yuma. The accompanying report of our committee, appointed for the purpose of investigating this matter, we beg leave to submit as a portion of this our report to your Honor.

We do not deem the usual custom of examining the offices of the county officials, by means of sub-committees of any practicable benefit to the taxpayers of the county, and would most respectfully suggest, that the court, at its next term, make some provisions whereby the Grand Jury, then to be empaneled, may be enabled to engage the services of experts to make examinations of said offices, and the books and records appertaining thereto.

Nothing further being before our body for consideration we must respectfully ask to be discharged.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. W. DORRINGTON,
Foreman.

To the Honorable Grand Jury.

Your committee appointed to investigate the sewerage from the Territorial Penitentiary as relates to the water supply of Yuma, beg leave to make the following report:

We find that the sewerage discharge pipe from the Penitentiary empties into a tank, from which it is discharged into the Gila river every night. A small cove of slack water receives this slack water, holding the more dangerous substances in solution, the more buoyant particles gradually drifting off and into the Colorado four or five hundred feet below.

A chip dropped into the Gila river where the current was perceptible and just below the cove, resulted in recording the fact that this foul, pestilential matter, slowly drifting into the more rapid waters of the Colorado was met by a counter current, that drove it back onto the Arizona shore, where it passed directly beneath where the cart supply of water is taken from and so on down from whence the reservoir supply is pumped. Hence there is every cause to believe and it is beyond intelligent dispute that this more subtle, dangerous and loathsome substance, clinging to the rocky shore, is ever and always being gradually loosened, and drifting down is taken up and distributed into the households of Yuma.

And in view of these startling facts, we would most earnestly recommend that the Honorable Grand Jury, do respectfully, though positively request the Honorable Board of Prison Commissioners to take immediate steps that this crying evil and dangerous nuisance be abated, by the construction of a sewerage that will deposit this filth below the town water supply.

J. H. TAGGART,
Chairman of Committee.

TAYLOR D. MACLEOD,
Secretary.

Some weeks ago the Boston Globe sent letters of inquiry to leading Democratic Congressmen asking what action Congress should take on the tariff question at the coming session. Nearly all of the replies favor a revision of the present laws though they differ as the means by which it should be accomplished.

Yuma county bids fair to be the leading agricultural county of the territory. She has the land and water, all that is necessary is capital and energy to utilize her agricultural resources.—Star.

The Municipal Council of Paris has requested United States Minister McLane to intercede with the Governor of Illinois in behalf of the condemned Anarchists of Chicago.

DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The District Court convened on the 29th. Hon. W. H. Barnes presiding. Immediately upon the convening of the court, a Grand Jury was empaneled, and it appearing necessary, a venire for a trial jury issued and a trial jury empaneled.

The first case returned by the Grand Jury was the Territory vs. Chas. A. Stewart, indicted for an assault with intent to commit murder. The case was tried by a jury and a verdict of guilty rendered. He was sentenced to one year and eight months.

Gustave H. Schmitt was indicted for petit larceny, plead guilty, and was sentenced to 20 days in the county jail.

Henry Porter was indicted for burglary, plead guilty and was sentenced to one year in the Territorial Prison.

Fernando Subiate was indicted for murder, plead guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced three years in the Territorial Prison.

A number of indigent witnesses from abroad were allowed expenses by order on the county treasurer.

The trial jury was discharged after having served one day and the Grand Jury having presented their final report was discharged after three days session. Copy of the report was ordered to be made for the local press.

The court then adjourned sine die.

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